

From "Larry W. Bryant" [redacted]
Subject Appeal of CIA Denial of My FOIA Request for a Records-Search-Fee Waiver
Date Sat, September 18, 2004 4:10 am
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TO: Director
U. S. Central Intelligence Agency
ATTN: Agency Release Panel (c/o Mr. Scott Koch)
Washington, DC 20505

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By his Sept. 9, 2004, letter denying my fee-waiver request of Aug. 9, 2004 (his reference No. F-2004-01956), CIA FOIA manager Scott Koch errs in placing me in the requester category of "commercial" entity. My demonstrable status as an independent writer-researcher specializing in "national security" issues, public-records access, and First Amendment commentary entitles me to the requested records-search-fee waiver. What's more, his totally disingenuous, knee-jerk assertion that the public would gain no "significant" benefit from your agency's production of the sought-for records in this case of reported rogue CIA operations constitutes an unacceptable administrative cop-out.

If you need concrete evidence of my news-media publication credits, please consult the Internet via a "Google" search under my name (Larry W. Bryant); in this regard, I also can provide related correspondence between me and other agencies' FOIA-management personnel (including those at the Departments of State and Interior). As an update of my requester-status profile, here are my most recent publication credits:

- (1) One or more articles/book reviews carried in the newsstand magazine FATE;
- (2) An expanded edition of my book "UFO Politics at the White House: Citizens Rally 'round Jimmy Carter's Promise," due out shortly from FATE's parent company, Galde Press.

In recent times, too, I've been contributing research to the news/information web site of <http://www.militarycorruption.com>.

As you peruse this record of "news media" representation/interaction on my part, you cannot but conclude that my research/writing projects have much more to do with the public's understanding (and oversight) of government policies/activities/programs than they do with, say, the CIA's documentation/methods-and-sources for determining the price of tea in China.

If you insist on sustaining Mr. Koch's denial of my fee-waiver request, I hereby serve notice that, through my attorney (Mark S.

*Zaid, Esq), I shall seek judicial relief via a complaint to be filed within the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

By snail-mail, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted message.

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